PATENT APPLICATION

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Group Art Unit: 3679 Appln. No.: 10/798,359

Confirmation No.: 5625 Examiner: James M. HEWITT

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In re application of

JOINT FOR DUPLEX PIPES, METHOD OF BRAZING THE JOINT TO DUPLEX PIPE, For:

AND AIR CONDITIONING APPARATUS FOR VEHICLE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated September 21, 2005, Applicants elect Species X, Figures 16 and 17 for examination on which claims 10-13 and 15 are readable.

Applicants submit that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 1-9 and 14.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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